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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: ARA - Elliott Abrams

CC THRU: ARA - William G. Walker

FROM: ARA/CEN - Richard H. Melton *NW*

SUBJECT: Singlaub Asks for Help

Rm - Seems to me so late  
to ask that it will keep  
him on board without  
screwing up.

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I met with General Singlaub on May 3, at his request.  
He had a three-part agenda:

-- Contadora: His worry was unbounded. Were we really aware of the consequences if the Sandinistas signed a phoney agreement? I assured him we were. What did we think about a delegation of private citizens travelling to Central America to whisper into the ears of military men in the region? I underscored what a bad idea this would be. Singlaub took the point.

-- Aid for Pastora: Following the conclusion of his "understanding" with Pastora in San Jose and his subsequent conversations with you, Singlaub had worked out with Calero and [REDACTED] to supply Pastora's forces inside Nicaragua with a token amount of military equipment (100 uniforms, 100 pairs of boots, and some 15,000 rounds of ammunition) from UNO stocks in Honduras. Singlaub met in Miami on May 7 with Calero. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Singlaub tried to raise this with Bill Casey, who ducked and told Singlaub to take it up with you. Singlaub wants you to try to turn this around.

I said I would raise the matter with you on your return. Since Singlaub will be difficult to contact after May 10, we agreed that I would call Calero with your answer.

[REDACTED]  
I vote for saying yes to Calero, following consultations with [REDACTED]

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-- [REDACTED] Singlaub is departing [REDACTED]. Among other things he will be doing, he plans to seek funds (\$10 million) from these governments to sustain the Nicaraguan resistance until our legislation is passed. Through intermediaries, Singlaub is seeking appointments with [REDACTED] of both states. He will be looking for us to give the nod [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the appropriate moment. For now, he would like us to inform the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Singlaub will be there [REDACTED] "on a mission which is in keeping with the policy of the Administration" or some such.

(COMMENT: The simplest way to handle this would be over the secure phone. NSC approval will be needed, [REDACTED] will have to be informed. Likely to be more complicated than it should be. Singlaub will call me at home on Saturday, May 10, for a status report.)

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